

from view. Behold millions of eyes are upon you, eyes malevolent from below, and eyes that shine like stars from above. Do well thy work, even as in the gaze of the worlds and the ages.

The Friars

The most difficult question for this country to settle in its administration of affairs in the Philippines is that of the Friars, a Catholic monastic order which seems to have gobbled up about all the lands and other valuable property of the Filipinos, reducing the latter to the condition of serfs. Altho the Filipinos are and have been for centuries good and faithful Catholics, they are so incensed against the greedy and immoral Friars that no proposition other than the expulsion of the order from the islands will satisfy them for a moment. They do not seem to serve any useful religious purpose, they are not preachers or pastors, they appear to be only drones whose whole policy is to live upon the workers. Why they are called Friars we are unable to explain unless it be to indicate their chief office, which seems to be to fry the fat out of the land and out of the people. If the American occupation results in the deliverance of the poor people from these blood sucking leeches, it will be a good work, and in the line of our better civilization.

A Big Operation

Uncle Sam's appropriations for the current year are about eight hundred millions dollars, which illustrates as nothing else can the size of the job he has running the nation. Half of this immense budget is the actual and incidental expense of war, of pensions for wars in the past, and cost of current wars. Nothing is so enormously expensive as war, and it looks as if this expense would cause the nations to hesitate before going into the wholesale butchering business. It does make them hesitate, and if the sober sense of the working people who pay the bills could always prevail, there would not be so many wars. Strange it is that the toiling world will suffer burdensome taxes for this enormous waste, this carnival of death and destruction, while if the proposition were seriously made to impose the same taxes for some benevolent purpose, for education, or missions, old age pensions, or any other policy of kindness and brotherhood, a wave of indignant protest would sweep over the whole country. It would not be listened to for a moment. There is a screw loose somewhere in this human nature which distinguishes us.

"O Lord, I have a busy world around me; eye, ear and thought will be needed for all my work to be done in this busy world. Now, ere I enter on it, I would commit eye and ear and thought to Thee. Do Thou bless them, and keep their work Thine, that as thru Thy natural laws my heart beats and my blood flows without any thought of mine, so my spiritual life may hold on its course at those times when my mind cannot consciously turn to Thee to commit each particular thought to Thy service. Hear my prayer for my dear Redeemer's sake."—*Dr. Arnold's daily prayer.*

Ashland College—Endowment

Any one who knows anything about the history and experience of other denominations will not for a single moment question the absolute necessity of an educational institution under the direct control of our own people. There has been no time in the history of the Brethren church since its first organization when intelligent men and women did not recognize the truth of this statement. There was a time when it was a question whether this school should be Ashland College or some other, but that is no longer a question, and as touching the past record of Ashland College it has nothing whatever to do with its present organization and the aims of its management. Suffice it to say that if it were necessary we could easily point out among the best pastors in the Brethren church today men who received their training in Ashland College.

But there is no longer any need of discussing these questions at all. The one question which now confronts us and the one which overshadows all others is the question of an endowment, an immediate endowment for the school of not less than \$25,000, about \$15,000 of which has already been provided for. The debt which for so long was a menace to the school has been liquidated, and the buildings and grounds are free from all encumbrances. The fact that many of our brethren have given very freely toward the liquidation of this debt is no reason why they should not be equally liberal in the support of the school; it is the very best reason why they *should* support it; they have given of their means to provide a property, grounds and buildings, but of what use are these to the church without a school? The very fact that the Brethren church has paid for this property is a reason why the same people should now liberally endow and support it. An endowment is the immediate, present need of the school. To make a school self-supporting the tuition would have to be so high that only the rich could afford a college education. Tuition in Ashland College is \$30 per year. The following estimates of the cost per student, to the state for one year's education are based upon the appropriations granted to the various universities during the past two years by their state legislatures. For the education of one student for one year in the state university it costs (this does not cover living expenses, but tuition only)

Indiana,	\$211	Colorado,	\$152
Missouri,	165	Ohio,	144
Michigan,	164	Iowa,	140

Thus it will be seen that if Ashland College is to be made self-supporting the tuition will have to be at least five to eight times what it is now, an amount which now much more than pays the tuition, board, room rent, incidentals, etc. for one year's schooling here. This would practically close the college to at least 75 per cent. of the young men and women who are now doing successful work in Christian schools. We know of no kind of benevolence that counts for so much, that reaches out so far, as that which looks to the endowment of a Christian institution of learning. Money put into Ashland College *now*, at this present time, will accomplish five times as much as if put into any other channel of benevolence. If by any process of reasoning or logical argument this statement can be successfully controverted, let the opportunity call forth the argument.